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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE IN DECEMBER

During December, the United States halibut fleet landed 165,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$18,000, at Seattle, as the result of 74 trips to North Pacific grounds, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with December 1940, when a total of 292,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$12,000, the 1941 figures represent a decrease in volume of 127,000 pounds, but an increase in value of \$5,600.

Species landed in December of last year included 5,800 pounds of sablefish, valued at \$583; 117,000 pounds of "lingcod", valued at \$13,000; and 42,000 pounds of rockfishes, valued at \$4,200. In addition, however, there were 96,000 pounds of dogfish livers, 13,000 pounds of soupfin shark livers, and 4,200 pounds of skate livers sold over the Seattle Fish Exchange at a value of \$104,000 by 56 vessels.

For the twelve months of 1941, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 21,813,000 pounds, valued at \$2,418,000. For the same period in 1940, landings amounted to 22,384,000 pounds worth \$2,079,000.

Miscellaneous receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 1,161,000 pounds, valued at \$309,000, divided among 25 classifications. Compared with 1,226,000 pounds, valued at \$76,000, received during December 1940, this represents a decrease of 65,000 pounds, or 5 percent, in volume, but an increase of about \$232,000, or 304 percent, in value. The latter increase is again due largely to the newly developed fishery for soupfin sharks and dogfish and the high prices paid for their livers.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for December 1941 amounted to 1,815,000 pounds. This compares with a 702,000 total for the same month in 1940.

The monthly summary also lists coastwise vessel receipts for the month from Alaska at 2,128,000 pounds, fresh and frozen, and Alaska troll salmon receipts at 1,220,000 pounds for the 1941 season (9 months). Imports, fresh and frozen, from British Columbia for the whole year 1941 are given at 3,221,000 pounds.

During December, 46 carload lots of frozen fish were sent east from Seattle, by freight; and 11 carloads went to California. These figures bring the year's total to 416 freight carloads shipped out, 385 of them destined for eastern points. A total of 561 express carloads of fresh fish - 230 for the east, 331 from Seattle and from Prince Rupert - is also noted in the summary.

Average fishermen's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle, are also listed in the reports.

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